

REMARKS

Minor amendment is made at page 15; namely, amending the term "control unit 20" and "control unit 21" respectively to --controller 20-- and --controller 21--, thereby conforming the terms used in the specification to the words used in Figure 3. No new matter is presented.

Claim 1 has been amended slightly to shorten the preamble. Claim 11 has been amended to delete parenthetical acronyms. Claims 13 and 16 have been amended to delete usage of the phrase "step of". Claims 17, 19-21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended to delete usage of the word "means".

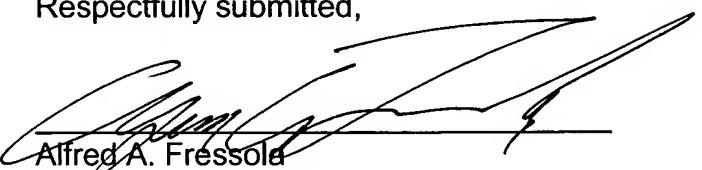
New claims 29, 31 and 33 are respectively similar to claims 17, 23 and 27, but are written using "means plus function" terminology. New claims 30, 32 and 34 are respectively dependent on claims 29, 31 and 33 and respectively correspond to claims 18, 25 and 28.

It is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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